THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As reported by the NCCF, the losses in different import deals are as follows:

(i) In the case of Import of Chick Peas Rs. 10.40 lakhs.

(ii) In the case of import of lentils, notional loss of Rs. 27.73 lakhs due to non supply by the party.

(iii) In the case of import of wet dates notional loss of Rs. 15 lakhs due to non supply by the party and Rs. 37,355 as expenditure on Bank charges.

In the construction of the Okhla Project an amount of Rs. 32 lakhs was spent on construction without the approval of the competent authority.

(b) NCCF has reported that in the case of import of chick peas, NCCF accepted a reduction of Bank Guarantee from Rs. 6.34 lakhs to Rs. 4.42 lakhs on the basis of 5 per cent value of stock. In the case of import of lentils a cheque of Rs. 1.10 lakhs was accepted in lieu of Bank Guarantee of Rs. 5 lakhs due to certain technical difficulties with the Foreign Bankers of the party. In the case of import of wet dates, a cheque of Rs. 3.20 lakhs was accepted against the guarantee in full.

(c) In the case of chick peas, Arbitration proceedings for a claim of Rs. 11.50 lakhs have been held up due to the party having gone to The Cooperative Court, Bombay. In the other two cases of import of lentils and wet dates Arbitration proceedings for the claim of Rs. 27.73 lakhs of Rs. 15.37 lakhs respectively are in different stages of progress.

(d) The three cases which have been referred to the CBI are the import of chick peas, import of lentils and import of dry dates.

(e) Yes, Sir, Government of India's action will depend on the outcome of the writ petition which the officer has filed in the Delhi High Court.

N.C.C.F. cases referred to CBI

2116. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases in the NCCF referred to the CBI for investigation from 1985 onwards and departmental enquiries instituted against its officials during 1985, 1986, and 1987 (both where enquiries have been completed or are in progress) alongwith the nature of alleged irregularities and names/designations of the officials concerned;

(b) the details of officials in the NCCF place under suspension against each of the cases referred to the CBI/ enquired departmentally;

(c) the details of cases where investigations/enquiries have been completed alongwith the findings there against; and

(d) the follow up action taken for revocation of the suspension orders of those innocent officers who were placed under suspension pending investigation by the CBI and who have not been found involved?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The list of the cases referred to CBI as on date as well as the officers against whom departmental enquiries have been initiated from 1985 onwards is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) 13 officers namely one Chief Marketing adviser, four Regional

Managers, one Controller of Accounts, one Manager, two Deputy Managers, and four Assistant Managers were suspended in connection with the CBI investigations. In connection with departmental enquiries ten officers namely one Manager, one Assistant Manager, one field officer, two Field Assistants, two Accounts clerk, one UDC and two LDC's were placed under suspension.

(c) The CBI enquiry has been completed in the case of supply of pulses by NCCF to the FCI and as stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1222 on 6th March 1987, the CBI Report is under consideration of the Government. In the CBI Report one Controller of Accounts, one Manager and one Deputy Manager have been exonerated. Departmental enquiries in respect of 13 persons namely one Regional Manager, one Deputy Manager, two Assistant Managers one field Officer, two Field Assistants, and two Accounts Clerks and four LDCs have been completed. As a result of the Departmental enquiries, notice for the termination of services have been served on one Regional Manager, one Deputy Manager and one Assistant Manager as they have been found guilty. One Assistant Manager was exonerated and his suspension orders have been revoked.

In the remaining nine cases minor punishments have been awarded to each one of them.

(d) The question of revocation of the suspension orders in respect of other officers who have not been found involved in the irregularities, is under consideration of the NCCF Management.

Statement

List of cases referred by the Department of Civil Supplies to CBI for investigation as on date

1. Cases of irregularities committed in the supply of pulses worth Rs. 13 crores to the FCI for supply to Army Purchase Organisation (investigation into this case has since been concluded).

2. Losses in transit of 400 bales and 233 bales of controlled cloth despatched from Kanpur and Calcutta respectively to Ranchi.

3. Diversion of controlled cloth from Madhya Pradesh to Farukhabad for reprocessing.

4. Charges of corruption and irregularities committed by three Regional Manager of NCCF.

5. Cases of irregularities committed by the NCCF Branch, Calcutta for supply of huge quantity of non-controlled cloth from NTC to Adarsh Bazar Cons. Coop. Store, Patna.

6. Misappropriation of 1576 bales of controlled cloth meant for Sikkim.

7. Serious allegations including misuse of controlled cloth against Chief Marketing Adviser, NCCF.

8. Investigation regarding sales of Bardana, Bhiwani Branch.

9. Import of 3000 MTs of Dry Dates from Iraq and its disposal.

10. Deal for import of 5000 MTs of Turkish Lentils.

11. Deal for export of Wheat products and Wheat/Rice Bran.

12. Irregularities in the contract for processing of dal and purchase of Arhar Whole in Nagpur Dal Mill of NCCF.

13. Import of 3000 MTs of Chickpeas.

List of the Officers against whom Departmental Enquiries have been started

1 Regional Manager ..

2 Manager . . ..

3	Deputy Manager	..	1
4	Assistant Manager	..	3
5	Field Officer .	..	2
6	Field Assistant .	..	2
7	Accounts Clerk	..	3
8	U.D.C. . .	..	1
9	L.D.C. . .	..	6
	TOTAL . .	..	23

Pisci-culture projects in coastal areas

2117. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several State Governments have taken up projects for pisci-culture in their coastal areas;

(b) if so, whether Government are enlisting technical cooperation from countries like Japan in the execution of these projects; and

(c) what is the quantum of assistance to be given by Government to such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Technical cooperation from Japan has not been obtained. However, international consultancy in the brackish water fish farming is being availed through the UNDP. The Ministry of Commerce are also availing of the expertise from France and U.S.A. for development of prawn seed hatcheries.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 700 lakhs is earmarked for taking up of projects for development of brackish water fish farms by the States under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Regional TV programme

2118. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently received proposals for increasing the duration of the regional programmes through different Doordarshan Kendras; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Requests are received from time to time for increase in telecast time for regional programmes from various Doordarshan Kendras. Such requests are examined keeping in view the constraints on resources, manpower and availability of equipment. The transmission time for regional programmes from Kendras is increase if found feasible.

Installation of television transmitters

2119. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several districts in the country are yet to be covered by Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the number of such districts and the proposals of Government to instal television transmitters in these districts during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, 53 out of a total of 412 districts in the country (according to 1981 census) are not